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SDG 2
Zero Hunger

SDG 2 – Indicator 2.3.5– Staff hunger interventions

Free Lunch on Friday (*Jumat Berkah*) for academic staff

As part of its ongoing commitment to promote well-being and inclusivity, Universitas Sriwijaya has introduced the Free Lunch on Fridays (*Jum'at Berkah*) program for academic staff. Rooted in the values of community support and generosity, this program provides free, nutritious lunches for academic staff every Friday, contributing to SDG 2: Zero Hunger by addressing food security at the local level. Although SDG 2 traditionally focuses on eradicating hunger worldwide, this initiative brings its mission closer to home by ensuring that all Campus employees - regardless of their economic circumstances - are supported and included.

Through the *Jum'at Berkah* program, institutions are recognizing the critical role that academic staff play in maintaining a vibrant, productive campus environment and addressing the food insecurity that can affect some staff members. By providing free meals on a weekly basis, this initiative promotes nourishment, gratitude, and a sense of community across campus.

This program aims to support food security because academic staff, like students, may face financial challenges that impact their ability to secure regular, nutritious meals. This program ensures that all staff have at least one guaranteed, healthy meal per week, reducing financial strain and increasing food security within the campus community.



This program also aligns with SDG 2, which aims to end hunger and ensure access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food for all. The *Jum'at Berkah* program reflects this goal by ensuring that food security extends to all members of the academic community and serves as a meaningful reminder that the principles of SDG 2 are relevant in all communities, both locally and globally. It also creates generosity, as *Jum'at Berkah* embodies the values of

kindness and giving back to the community. Through this weekly gesture, institutions instill a culture of generosity and caring, encouraging employees to look for ways to support one another and contribute to the well-being of the larger campus community.